(c) and (d) Bureau of Police Research and Development had organized a training capsule by Federal Bureau of Investigation officers for Central Bureau of Investigation and State Police Organisations in September, 2003.

Case of molestation and rape by Army Officials

1612. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received notices from National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) seeking explanation on the alleged molestation, rape and harassment of girl students by army officials in the Shopian quarter of South Kashmir and in various parks of NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many officers of army are involved in cases relating to rape, molestation and harassment of women during the last year and what action against these army officials have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The National Human Rights Commission had received a complaint alleging molestation and harassment of students of Shopian Girls Higher Secondary School and Government College, Shopian District, South Kashmir by Army Jawans camping at Chaudhary Gund. Based on this complaint, the Commission has called for a report from the Ministry of Defence, Government of India and Government of Jammu and Kashmir. No complaint relating to NCT of Delhi is pending consideration before the Commission.

On army officer and 16 other Ranks were involve in such cases during the last one year. These cases are at various stages of trial/ investigation.

Memoranda on Assamese-Bihari violence

1613. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received memoranda on Assamese-

Bihari rioting on railway recruitment issue in the mid November from different social and political organizations, Assam Government, and responsible individuals including M.P.'s;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on this issue; and

(c) whether Government have given a serious thought to making reservation in services of different categories of railways for all the States of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government had been advised by the Central Government to strengthen the presence of Central Para-Military Forces (CPMF) by redeployment. The State Government was also advised to requisition the Army in places having large concentration of Bihari population for maintenance of Law and order and instilling confidence among the local population. The Central Government had also provided 30 additional Coys of CPMFs to the State.

(c) The Ministry of Railways is following Supreme Court Judgement delivered in 1996, and Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No. 14024/2/26 issued in 1998 as a consequence of Supreme Court judgement for recruitment in Railways.

Interrogation of Hijackers of IC-814

1614. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. sleuths have recently gone to Kandhar in Afghanistan to interrogate the Taliban master minds of the operation IC-814 which was hijacked after it took off from Kathmandu in 1999;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether any one of them is proposed to be made a witness in this case and if so, the details thereof?